

STEPS

1 Understand the steps to access

To receive money directly from the Adaptation Fund's Readiness Programme, entities need to be accredited as a National Implementing Entity (NIE). See section "Other eligibility criteria" for more details. Only one national entity can be accredited per developing country. Accreditation with the Adaptation Fund is valid for five years.

NIEs fall under the Adaptation Fund's Direct Access modality, which enables direct access to financing and management of all aspects of projects, from design through implementation, to monitoring and evaluation. Direct Access allows developing countries to strengthen capacity to adapt to climate change and build on local expertise. National entities with institutional capacity constraints have the option of obtaining accreditation via the [Streamlined Accreditation Process](#). If successful they can access a smaller amount of funding than the usual, while working on strengthening their capacities to meet the accreditation requirements through the usual

documentation, as appropriate.

Actions: Adaptation Fund support received for project implementation

Actors: Implementing Entity

2 Become an accredited entity

Organisations that wish to implement Adaptation Fund projects must submit an [application for accreditation](#) providing documentation indicating that it meets the fiduciary standards adopted by the Board.

In order to become accredited, entities are required to meet the legal and fiduciary standards adopted by the Board as detailed in the [Operational Policies and Guidelines](#).

Countries seeking accreditation with the Adaptation Fund can submit through an eligible [accredited NIE](#), a proposal for [peer support](#) to prepare and submit an application for accreditation to the Fund. The country seeking accreditation can contact an accredited NIE of their choice to initiate dialogue and work with the NIE to see through the submission of the proposal to receive peer support.

Actions: Accreditation

Actors: Organisations seeking accreditation as an Implementing Entity;
Adaptation Fund Board

3 Know what activities are eligible for project readiness support

To receive project readiness support, accredited Entities must identify and prioritize activities based on the Fund's eligibility criteria for this funding envelope, and obtain the approval of the NIE.

Find an overview of activities eligible for the Adaptation Fund's Readiness Programme [here](#). Reference approved Readiness grants [here](#).

Actions: Adaptation Fund readiness support received

Actors: National Implementing Entities

4 Access technical assistance for social and gender mainstreaming

The Technical Assistance grant for the Environment and Social Policy (ESP) and Gender Policy (GP) is available to all NIEs that have not yet received any

grant for technical assistance from the Fund. Support will come in the form of short-term consultant assignments to undertake specific technical assessments such as an environmental impact assessment (EIA), vulnerability assessment (VA), risk assessment, gender study, and other environmental and social assessments. Find additional information [here](#).

Actions: TA-ESP or TA-GP funding received for social, environmental, and gender based activities

Actors: National Implementing Entities

5 Develop strong project proposals

NIEs may request Project Formulation Assistance (PFA). The PFA [grant application form](#) can be requested when NIEs submit their project concepts during the two-step approval process. Projects should accelerate innovative adaptation practices, tools, and technologies.

Check [here](#) for updates on calls for proposals and application guidelines.

Actions: Strong project proposals developed through the Fund's Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) grants

Actors: National Implementing Entities

